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U.S. Department of Energy To Host Public Meetings on Environmental Air Monitoring for Moab, Utah, UMTRA Project

(Grand Junction, Colorado)—The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Management in Grand Junction, Colorado, will host two public meetings in December on the Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Project: Wednesday, December 14, in Thompson Springs, Utah, and Thursday, December 15, in Moab, Utah. Both meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. Meeting locations are provided at the end of this news release.

The focus of these meetings is on environmental air monitoring DOE is performing at the Moab Project Site, off site in Moab, and in Thompson Springs and Crescent Junction. Topics will include the constituents being monitored, monitoring results currently available and the air quality standards, examples of data collection devices, and efforts being taken to protect workers and the public from exposures.

“We know citizens have concerns about the quality of the air, especially when we start transporting the tailings to Crescent Junction,” said Donald Metzler, Moab Federal Project Director. “We want to provide information now to help them understand what the current quality of air is and what we’re doing to be protective of the public.”

Additional information about the Moab Project is available on the website at <http://gj.em.doe.gov/moab>.

Meeting Locations:

Wednesday, December 14, 2005
7:00 p.m.
Fire Station
Thompson Springs, Utah

Thursday, December 15, 2005
7:00 p.m.
The Grand Center
182 North 500 West
Moab, Utah

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